

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/797,314

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 3/10/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-7.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 10 March 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
 - * Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).**
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 7/30/04
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Julian Cohen on 6/6/05.

The application has been amended as follows:

In Claim 1, line 15 delete "outer".

In the specification, page 8, line 33, change "spring 7" to --spring 19--.

2. Claims 1-7 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record does not anticipate the claimed safety device for a bolt-action firearm comprising; a safety control member capable of being selectively located in one of a first, second and third positions so as to control movement of the trigger and the bolt. The safety control member having a bolt blocking part capable of engaging with the bolt and first, second and third positioning holes arranged on a circle. The safety device further comprising a trigger blocking member slidably fitted in a sliding hole of a casing fastened to a lower part of a firearm receiver, the sliding hole being provided in the surface of one of the side walls of the casing on which the safety control member is supported. The sliding hole opening into a space in which the upper arm of the trigger moves, the trigger blocking member having a trigger blocking part capable of moving so as to be advanced into and retracted from a moving path of the upper arm of the trigger and a

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spring urging the trigger blocking member fitted in the sliding hole toward the safety control member. Wherein the bolt blocking part of the safety control member is engaged with the bolt to block the movement of the bolt when the safety control member is located in the first position, and is disengaged to permit the bolt to be operated when the safety control member is located in the second or third position and the trigger blocking part of the trigger blocking member blocks the movement of the trigger when the safety control member is located in the first or the second position.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Lameiras Guede (US Patent # 5,752,338), Roemer (US Patent # 2,490,474), Couture (US Patent # 2,869,269), Baker (US Patent # 2,379,946), Knode (US Patent # 3,130,513), Weatherby (US Patent # 3,124,559), Guede (US Patent # 6,018,900), and Findlay et al. (US Patent # 5,551,180), which are all cited to show relevant safety mechanisms for firearms.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michelle (Shelley) Clement whose telephone number is 571.272.6884. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Thursday 9-5.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Carone can be reached on 571.272.6873. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Carone", is located in the lower right quadrant of the page.